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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

We are customers of Sonic, and have been since June, 2016, when we could no longer afford AT&T's rates for Internet and phone service, as they kept increasing. We now pay half of what we formerly paid, and have much improved and reliable service.

Sonic has advised us that they depend on UNE access for their connections to residential customers, and without the provisions of Section 251(c)(3) they will be faced with the prospect of raising our rates to complete their fiber network.

We cannot afford higher costs for Internet and phone service, and may have to be cut off from these vital services if you approve AT&T's petition.

Please deny this petition.

Sincerely,

John Ames